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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU

REF: OUAGA 2689

1. BEFORE LEAVING FOR NEW YORK DECEMBER 21, AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO OBTAIN IN THE UNITED STATES BY ANY MEANS AND THROUGH ANY SOURCE "LIGHT ARMORED CARS, ARMS, AMMUNITION, UNIFORMS AND BOOTS FOR VOLTAN ARMY. HE DID NOT

DIVULGE THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED BUT SAID THAT HE WAS TO PROCEED WITH ALL SPEED AND HAVE WAR MATERIAL AIRLIFTED TO OUAGADOUGOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT USG MAINTAINS FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH UPPER VOLTA AND MALI AND HOPED THAT BORDER DISPUTE WOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY, YAGUIBOU SAID THAT THINGS HAD GONE TOO FAR NOW FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. GOUV WAS DETERMINED TO RECOVER ITS LOST TERRITORY AND WOULD SPARE NO EFFORT IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS TASK. SIZEABLE CASH DONATIONS WERE FLOWING INTO VOLTAN WAR CHEST FROM AROUSED CITIZENS, INCLUDING VOLTANS WORKING IN THE IVORY COAST. CIVIL SERVANTS HAD DECIDED TO DONATE 25 PERCENT OF THEIR SALARIES TO WAR EFFORT, AND VARIOUS COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ORGAN-
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IZED THROUGHOUT UPPER VOLTA TO COLLECT FUNDS.

3. YAGUIBOU ASKED MY OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL THE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO UPPER VOLTA. I TOLD HIM I DOUBTED VERY MUCH THE USG WOULD WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A DISPUTE BETWEEN TWO STATES WITH WHICH IT MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT, IF THIS WAS THE CASE HE WOULD HAVE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE MANUFACTURERS.

4. YAGUIBOU HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK ON DECEMBER 23. HE PLANS TO CALL ON MONDAY FROM NEW YORK FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH EASUM.
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